

## **School Governance Council**

### **Verplanck Elementary School**

**January 9, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Nominations and election for the 2012-2013 school year (year 2) were held in November, 2012

#### **Council members present:**

- Michael Saimond, principal
- Louise Muzin, teacher (one year term)
- Barbara Belknap, teacher (two year term)
- Chelsea Gordon, teacher (two year term)
- Lynn Rhodes, teacher (one year term)
- Ramon Guzman, parent (two year term)
- Adam Skinner, parent (two year term)
- Christina Rossetti, parent (two year term)
- **Cindy Woods, Teacher (one year term)**

Minutes from the previous meeting will be emailed to all council members for review and discussed at next meeting.

#### **Election of Council officers**

Michael Saimond was nominated as chairperson. Christina Rossetti was nominated to the position of Vice-Chair. Lynn Rhodes was nominated as Council secretary. Motion to vote was made by Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mrs. Muzin. A vote was held with an 8-0 count in favor of the nominations. Each officer will hold said office for the 2012-2013 school year.

#### **Principal's report:**

- Mr. Saimond began with a review of the School Governance Council Basic Information Sheet providing new council members with historical background of the state law and the main responsibilities of the council. Robert's Rules were distributed and will be referred to when necessary.
- Revised By-Laws were distributed and discussed. Changes were made to the dates for the nomination and election process in hopes of tightening up the schedule and providing for a earlier start to the council's work in the upcoming school year. Other changes were made to the community member language clarifying the residency question discussed. By-laws will be voted upon at the February meeting.
- The 2012-2013 School Improvement Plan was distributed and explained by Mr. Saimond. Discussion was held concerning the referrals and suspensions from the 2011-2012 school year.

Positive changes in school climate were highlighted in explaining the staggered cafeteria schedule, blue third track and the influence of PBIS.

- Mr. Saimond explained the upcoming police review of the Verplanck building and security changes. Each window is now labeled with a room number or description of the room.

New Business:

- Community members for the School Governance Council

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 12 6:30 PM Verplanck Media Center

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM